

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A handle comprising:

a handle member,

a base engaged within the handle member and pivotably coupled to the handle member such that the handle member is able to pivot relative to the base between a first position corresponding to an in-use position of the handle member and a second position corresponding to a non-use position,

a locking mechanism which prevents the handle from moving to the second position upon a force to cause the handle to move to the second position being applied to the handle member, the locking mechanism including a locking member slidably engaged through the handle member and able to move between a locking position and a release position, the locking member being coupled to a push button located at an exterior surface of the handle member, the locking mechanism having a blocking portion located within the handle and positioned between and in contact with opposed surfaces of the handle member and the base to thereby block any pivoting of the handle member from the first position, wherein the locking member is biased into said locking position by a biasing mechanism, the biasing mechanism including a leaf spring,

whereby a pushing action applied to the push button causes the locking mechanism to move to the release position to remove the blocking action of the blocking portion.

Claim 20 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 19, wherein the push button includes a head which is slidably located in a recess in the handle member.

Claim 21 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 20, wherein a peripheral shape of the recess substantially corresponds to a peripheral shape of the button.

Claim 22 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 19, wherein the leaf spring is fixed to the locking member and has a distal end which engages with a part of the handle member.

Claim 23 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 19, further including a stop to prevent movement of the locking member under action of the biasing mechanism from moving beyond the locking position.

Claim 24 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 23, wherein the stop is a lip projecting from the locking member and engaged with an engagement surface of the handle member when the handle member is in the first position.

Claim 25 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 19, wherein the locking member further includes a profiled portion which provides a clearance between the locking portion and the pivot base when the blocking member is in the release position.

Claim 26 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 25, wherein the profiled portion includes a contact surface which contacts a profiled surface of the pivot base during movement of the handle member between the first and second positions.

Claim 27 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 26, wherein the push button includes a head which is slidingly located in a recess in the handle member, the peripheral shape of the recess substantially corresponding to the peripheral shape of the button.

Claim 28 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the recess includes a contact surface which is contacted by the head when the locking member is in the release position.

Claim 29 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the locking member is biased into the locking position by a biasing mechanism.

Claim 30 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 29, wherein the biasing mechanism is a spring located between the locking member and the handle member.

Claim 31 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 29, further including a stop to prevent movement of the locking member under action of the biasing mechanism from moving beyond the locking position.

Claim 32 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 31, wherein the stop is a lip projecting from the locking member and engaged with an engagement surface of the handle member when the handle member is in the first position.

Claim 33 (New): The handle as claimed in claim 32, wherein the lip projects from the blocking portion and the engagement surface is formed by a wall in the handle member, said wall further forming a second engagement surface, the blocking portion of the locking member being located between second engagement surface and a surface of the pivot base to create the blocking action.